

Bill was successful in many endeavors. While in Aberdeen he transitioned a small office to a large weather forecasting site responsible for providing severe weather warnings to 28 counties. One of Bill's most notable accomplishments was founding the "Women in Science" conference. This conference introduces high-school aged girls to the many exciting career opportunities available in the science field. Bill started this conference in 2002 with only one class held in Aberdeen. This year the conference will be held in five different locations around the State of South Dakota.

Bill Tallman was a retired Air Force major, having served 20 years in the Air Force as a meteorologist. Bill also taught high school math before enlisting in the service. He is survived by his wife Julie; two children, Jeff and Sarah; four grandchildren; his mother, three brothers, and two sisters. Today I rise with Bill Tallman's friends and family in remembering his selfless dedication and service to those who had the pleasure to meet him and to the United States of America.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. CRAIG WILLIAMS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Mr. Craig Williams, recipient of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce 2006 Community Service Award. Mr. Williams, the executive director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and the Chemical Weapons Working Group, has dedicated over two decades of service to the chemical demilitarization project at Kentucky's Bluegrass Army Depot. The continued progress of this project reflects Mr. William's tremendous commitment to protecting the health and safety of the public, the depot workers, and the local environment.

Mr. William's has engineered a program which benefits the entire community by fostering public/private partnerships between environmental and business interests in order to create jobs and clean up the environment. With these efforts, Mr. Williams has demonstrated a real commitment to the improvement of Central Kentucky.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Craig Williams for his service to the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and the Chemical Weapons Working Group. Kentucky is lucky to have had such a dedicated community member.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1932. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent

resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95).

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, February 7, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1932. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (R. Con. Res. 95).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5586. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Nitrogen Oxides Exemption Request for Northern Maine" (FRL No. 8027-5) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5587. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; General and Registration Permit Programs" (FRL No. 8020-1) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5588. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Making Findings of Failure to Submit Required State Implementation Plans for Phase II of the NO_x SIP Call" (FRL No. 8028-8) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5589. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and/or Defer Sanctions, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8024-9) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5590. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products; List of Hazardous Air Pollutants, Lesser Quantity Designations, Source Category List" (FRL No. 8028-9) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5591. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2006 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" ((RIN2060-AN18)(FRL No. 8028-2)) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5592. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protections for Subjects in Human Research" ((RIN2070-AD57)(FRL No. 7759-8)) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5593. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8025-2) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5594. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazethapyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7755-8) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5595. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David L. Brewer III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5596. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's new Agency Strategic Plan (ASP) covering the period Fiscal Year 2006 through Fiscal Year 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5597. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Congressional Affairs, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2005 Sub-Saharan Africa Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5598. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Member Business Loans" (12 CFR Part 723) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5599. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA66) received on February 3, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5600. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska natural gas pipeline and describing any issue impeding that progress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5601. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.